

# Year 6 Autumn Term 2017

## Year group message

Welcome to Year 6 – your child’s final primary year!  
We have lots of exciting things planned for this half term including a trip to the Watercress Line as enrichment for our topic this term which is based around WW2, ‘My Secret War Diary’. We also have our Year 6 residential trip to Little Canada and for all those not attending a week full of activities will be planned which will be challenging and fun.  
We look forward to the year ahead and sharing this important year with you.

## Year 6 Team

**Zebra:** Miss Spencer (Year Leader)

**Meerkat:** Mr Griffiths

**Lion:** Miss Harding & Mrs Jansen

### **Additional Y6 Teachers:**

Miss Vincent & Mrs Andrews

### **Teaching Assistants:**

Mrs MacCallum, Miss Hopkins and Mrs Richmond

## Homework

Children should complete all homework weekly. The homework will be given out every Wednesday and is expected in the following Monday. We encourage parents to help ensure that children complete all homework and it is completed on time. This will not only help with their ongoing learning in class but will also help with their preparation for secondary school.

## Maths

The children will be required to complete times tables practice every week using, ‘Times Tables Rockstars’ and they will also be given addition times tables homework every other week. We will be testing their progress each week in class using, ‘Big Maths Beat That’.

## Reading

Children should be reading either a book from the library, a book from the Year 6 area or a classroom book. The Reading Log should be completed after each reading session at home, as per last year, and the children should record their reading reflection. Please can parents sign the log on the relative day.

## Spellings

The children will be given a set of spellings each half term to learn and the children need to be learning them every week. There are lots of helpful activities to support with this in the spelling activities booklet. They will be tested at the end of the half term.

## PE & Games

**All three classes will have Games on a Wednesday with Team Spirit and PE on a Thursday (Zebra) or Friday (Meerkat and Lion).**

Please ensure that all children have a plain white or house colour T-shirt (no logos) and black shorts. NO FOOTBALL SHIRTS are permitted to be worn.

It is crucial that children have a lightweight rain jacket and warm clothing as some lessons are outdoors. Long hair must be tied up and all jewellery must be removed. If earrings cannot be removed then they must be taped.

## Curriculum

### Autumn – WW2

Our topic this term is based around WW2 and we will be using the book, 'My Secret War Diary' as our stimulus. There is a trip to the Watercress Line which will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September where the key theme will be around evacuees. We will also be looking at other key people during WW2 such as: Women's Land Army, the Home Garden ARP wardens, Munitions factory workers etc... We will be creating our own war diaries to include all of our key writing themes including diary writing, letters and newspapers. We will also be looking at the Battle of Britain and other key events including The Blitz.

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Curriculum Evening & Little Canada Meeting
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual photos
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Trip to Watercress Line
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/teacher meetings
6 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Little Canada Residential Trip

### Uniform

Just a polite reminder that children need to be in full school uniform which is a white polo shirt, green jumper or cardigan, black or grey trousers, dress or skirt.

Black school shoes are to be worn, **not trainers**.

Nail varnish and jewellery, except for a watch or religious items, must not be worn at all. Girls should not wear large bows or hair wear.

For further information regarding Year 6 please visit the official school Facebook page. *Please note that any other SJS Facebook pages/groups are not endorsed or managed by the school.*

Shirley Junior School Year 6 2017-2018

Thank you for all of your support.

The Year 6 Team

Miss Spencer, Mr Griffiths, Miss Harding and Mrs Jansen